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Saturday Anticipated Mass 4 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays

(M-T-W-F only) 12:05 pm

Holy Days as announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3 to 3:45 pm

Weekdays (M-T-W-F) 11:30-11:50 am

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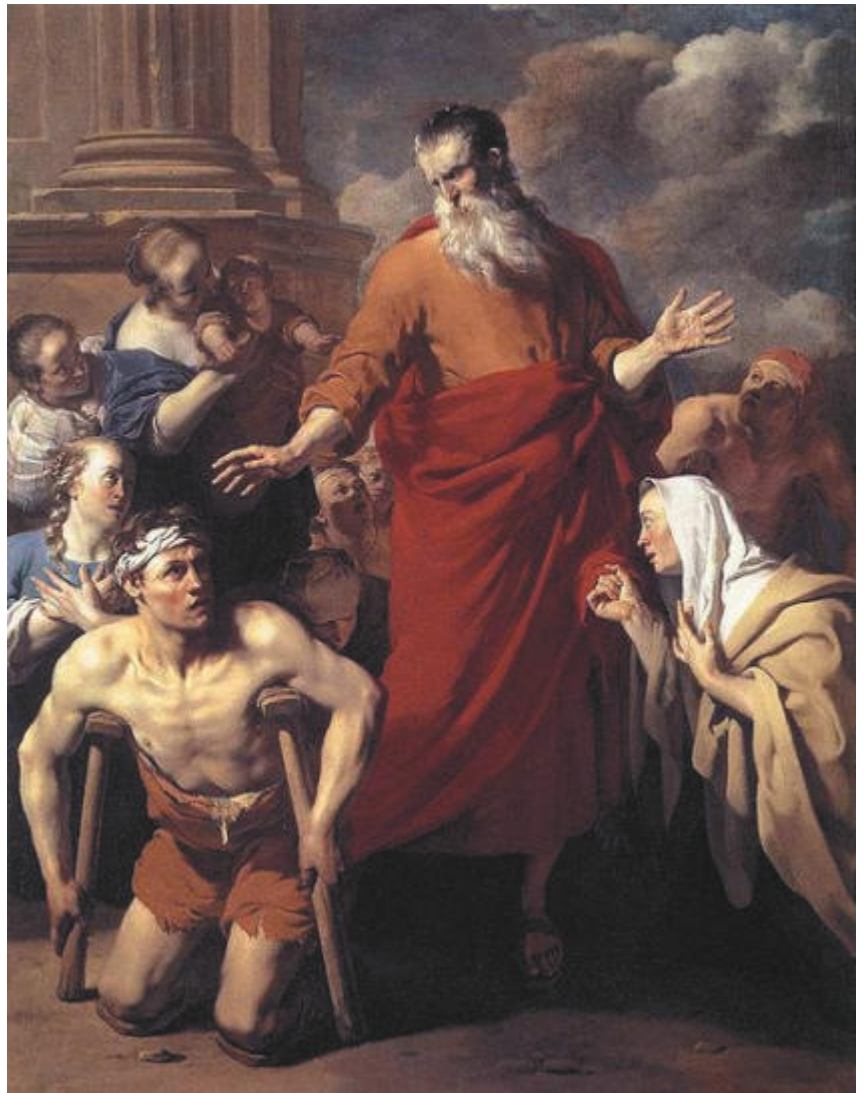
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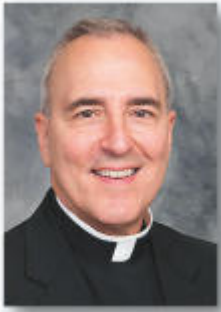
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St. Paul Healing the Cripple at Lystra, Karel Dujardin

*The Twelve drove out many demons,
and they anointed with oil many who
were sick and cured them. Mk 6:13*



Dear St. Joseph Cathedral family...

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as your new pastor!

For some, this introduction will not be so new – this will become clearer in a bit. I'm a native of Baton Rouge, with our small family initially being members of nearby Sacred Heart parish. While I attended elementary school there, my one sibling, Lynn Carville, attended St. Joseph's Academy throughout elementary and high school. In eighth grade, I moved on to Catholic High, graduating in 1976. I then attended Louisiana State University, earning both a B.S. in Computer Science as well as a Master of Business Administration. Following this, I left Louisiana for the

Dallas-Fort Worth area and, after working for a short time in the computer industry and completing my pre-medical studies, entered the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, graduating with an M.D. degree. After a residency in New Orleans and a fellowship in North Carolina in Diagnostic Radiology, I finally returned to Baton Rouge to practice medicine at Ochsner Clinic of Baton Rouge.

I say all of this *not to tout my academic background but simply as an example of how God truly does "work in mysterious ways"!* While in Dallas and during my medical training, I grew in my faith and (as time allowed) became very active in the local parishes there. During that time, I also began to perceive that God might be asking more of me. By the time I finally returned to Baton Rouge to practice medicine, my parents had moved from Sacred Heart parish to the Cathedral and were very active here under the leadership of Frs. Gordon, Uter, and... Jerry Young. I joined the Cathedral parish and, as I gradually became more active, my sense of a vocation also continued to grow. One day, I finally got up enough courage to contact Fr. Young – I took him to lunch (at Piccadilly... I was such a "big spender"! – and told him "my story". Well, over the next few years we continued to talk and discern until I finally took that "big leap of faith" by leaving medicine for a time so as to give the seminary a try. I guess, as they say, "the rest is history" – I entered Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and graduated in 2007 with a Master of Divinity degree, with ordination following shortly thereafter. After a couple of Associate Pastor assignments, I was called to serve as Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Saint Francisville and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jackson in 2009. While there, I also served for a time as the Catholic chaplain at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola.

Following 12 years of service in the Felicianas, I've now been asked by Bishop Duca to serve as pastor here at the Cathedral -- the same parish which had sponsored me as a seminarian for the priesthood. What an honor it will be for me to serve in this capacity! I developed a great love for this place while a layman, and I bring that same love back with me as your pastor.

Some of you "seasoned" parishioners might remember me, and I hope that I remember you as well! Sadly, some (including my parents) have passed, while others are new to the parish – regardless, I look forward to meeting and working with *all of you*. Please be patient with me, though – I'm better with remembering "faces" than "names" – it'll take some time!

As for my hopes/dreams for the parish... well, as you hopefully have figured out from above, I'm a bit of an "academician" – I love to learn! I agree with the old adage which says, "if you stop learning, you stop living". That goes for medicine (I still keep my medical license active, which requires annual continuing education) and it certainly goes for our FAITH as well. I hope to help you grow in your faith through various programs, seminars, homilies, etc. I also have a great appreciation and deep love for sacred music and liturgy, and I hope that you will continue to experience beautiful and reverent liturgical services during my time here. I experienced and learned much of that here as a layman from my pastor – Fr. Jerry Young.

Oh... about Fr. Young... well, he's agreed to come back and stay with me for a while here at the rectory, and so you may be seeing him from time to time. I know many of you will be excited to see him. We're going to be doing a little rectory painting/renovation downstairs, and so for a time it'll be quite messy there, but we'll get through it.

My thanks to Fr. Paul Counce for his leadership and service as pastor over the past 12 years, as well as for his assistance in easing my transition into the parish.

I realize I have quite a challenge ahead of me in trying to follow in the footsteps of these great Cathedral pastors. I humbly ask for your help and prayers... let's *all work together in continuing to make this Mother Church of our Diocese a place of faith, hope, and love for our visitors and all the faithful of Baton Rouge*.

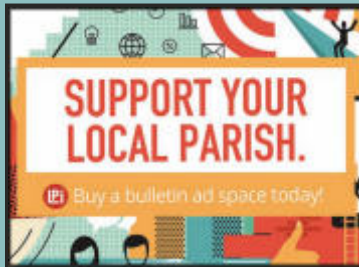
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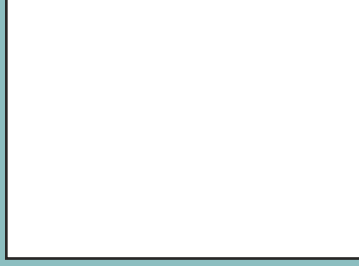
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